

support of the Gospel in that Church. All evangelical clergymen traversing the dense forests, to reach the scattered population of this county, and break unto them the bread of life, were sure to meet at his door a cordial welcome. Here they and their horses have been often refreshed on their way. In him they found a generous and sympathizing friend.

Through a train of providential events "Mr. Torrey" had become owner of a large tract of land, about three miles south of Bethany, where the canal of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company terminates; and on this spot the borough of Honesdale is now located. The first settlement was begun in 1826. The first house was erected by Mr. Torrey, at the forks of the Dyberry and West branch of the Lackawaxen, and was afterwards converted into a Church, and designated as the Old Tabernacle."<sup>o</sup>

Here he resided to the close of his life. He had the pleasure of seeing a beautiful village of some 3,000 inhabitants spring into existence, while over the extensive fields of his early surveys, where the wild beasts had roamed unmolested, he witnessed with equal satisfaction beautiful farms, church edifices, mills of various kinds, and villages, with the various blessings of a thriving and virtuous society. Admonished by the approaching infirmities of age that the day of life was drawing to a close, he made liberal bequests to the cause of Christ, and retired from active business—then leaning upon his Almighty Sav-

<sup>o</sup> Funeral discourse, &c.

iour, quietly and peacefully descended to the grave.

We proceed to notice but one more settler in this town during this year. Mr. Jacob Van Meter came to this place, on his way from Salem County, New Jersey, to Western New York. He was here overtaken by the autumnal storms, and concluded to settle in this township. He had a family of five children. Soon after he purchased and built the place where his son Charles now lives. He spent the remnant of his life in this town.

1795. This year Mr. John S. Rogers, from New Jersey, a Quaker, purchased and settled with his family. He had eight children. He built about one mile east of Mr. Joseph Peek's residence. Here he passed the remainder of his days.

Mr. Joseph Stevenson, from New Jersey, also came this year. He purchased a farm in the vicinity of the octagon stone school-house. He had six children, the oldest of whom was over twenty-one years of age. We also notice Mr. Seymore Allen, who came this year, and bought Geer's farm and improvement. He soon after sold it to Mr. Ihabod Starks, who continued to occupy it for many years, and there closed his earthly days.

Mr. Abram Cramer also settled here this year. He bought a place, and built a little south of Mr. Thomas Slayton's residence, where there is now a house made of hewn logs. He had a family of eight children. He died in this township.

This year Mr. Elijah Peek moved his family into